

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims set forth in the Official Action of December 27, 2005 are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-22 are currently pending.

Claims 1, 5-8, 12-16, and 20-22 were rejected

Claims 2-4, 9-11, and 17-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants' Reply

Applicants' attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy he extended during the interview which took place on May 23, 2006 for the above-identified patent application. The Examiner's helpful comments have been followed as described below in order to move this case forward. Applicants believe that there was a slight miscommunication on the interview summary which states that the amendment discussed was "generating a summary of the plurality of related documents available in computer readable media by performing sentence generation using the phrases in the phrase intersection table based on said temporal processing." Applicants believe the exact amendment discussed during the interview was "generating a summary of the plurality of related documents available in computer readable media by performing sentence generation using the phrases in the phrase intersection table which have been subject to said temporal processing." Applicants, therefore, amended claims 1, 8, and 16 to include this language to further clarify the invention. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 5-8, 12-16, and 20-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,205,456 to Nakao (“Nakao”) and U.S. Patent No. 6,098,034 to Razin (“Razin”). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.


Applicants have amended claims 1, 8, and 16 as discussed in the telephonic interview with the Examiner to further clarify the invention. Claim 1, 8, and 16 now recite that sentence generation is performed “using the phrases in the phrase intersection table which have been subject to said temporal processing.” As discussed in the interview, the claims are now patentable over Razin and Nakao either alone or in combination. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 5-7, 12-15, and 20-22 depend on claims 1, 8, and 16 respectively and are patentable over the cited art for the same reasons. Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

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